

Battery Recycling Guidelines for Academic, Administrative, and Residential Facilities

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According to a report generated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), less than 1% of all batteries sold in the US were recycled. WCSU is committed to ensuring that all batteries generated from University operations are disposed of in an environmentally responsible manner.

BATTERIES AS REGULATED WASTES

Connecticut hazardous waste regulations designate a category of hazardous wastes called "universal waste." This category includes many items, non alkaline batteries, fluorescent lamps, cathode ray tubes, instruments that contain mercury, and others. In general, universal waste may not be discarded in solid waste landfills. All rechargeable batteries are considered hazardous waste in Connecticut when they are discarded. This includes all batteries of sizes AAA, AA, C, D, button cell, 9 Volt, and all other rechargeable batteries.

BATTERY DISPOSAL

Do not place used batteries in or near trash cans or dumpsters. "Techno-Scrap" boxes have been placed in the common areas of each building to facilitate the proper disposal of this class of waste. In administrative and academic building the boxes are located in public access photo copy rooms. In residential facilities, the Techno-Scrap boxes are located in each information office. State law prohibits the storage of universal wastes for longer than one year, so please arrange for collection by EH&S at least annually. Any Faculty or Staff member can schedule a waste pickup through the university electronic work order system from EFS web page at: <http://wcsu.edu/efs/WorkOrders>.

Batteries are potentially a valuable source of recyclable metal and they will be disposed of through an authorized recycling facility.

RECYCLING CONTAINERS

If your department generates large quantities of universal wastes contact EH&S to obtain your own techno-scrap box.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

Universal wastes are considered hazardous because of the metals and/or other toxic or corrosive materials contained within. If used batteries show evidence of leakage or damage, contact EFS.

EFS Fact sheets are intended to summarize University policies and procedures. To access all of our universal waste requirements please visit wcsu.edu/efs/hs_pdffiles_E117EWPR.PDF.